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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

"Bending Press System"

the specification of which

 is attached hereto was filed on January 13, 2000 as United States Application Number or PCT InternationalApplication Number PCT/JP00/00134 and (if applicable) was amended on _____

I hereby authorize our attorneys to insert the serial number assigned to this application.

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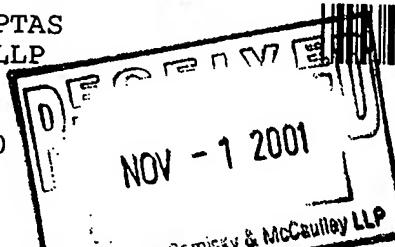
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In consideration of the sum of one dollar (\$1.00), and other good and valuable considerations paid to each of the undersigned, the undersigned agree(s) to assign, transfer and set over to

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(hereinafter designated as the Assignee) the entire right, title and interest in the invention for patent in the United States of America

(8) "Bending Press System"
for which the undersigned have executed an application for patent in the United States of America corresponding to International Application
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